

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Application of: Scott W. Sparrold, et al.)
 Application No.: 09/938,906)
 Filed: August 24, 2001)
 For: FREE SPACE POINT-TO-MULTIPOINT)
 OPTICAL COMMUNICATION)
 SYSTEM AND APPARATUS)

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
 Art Unit: 2633

Commissioner of Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (a)

Sir:

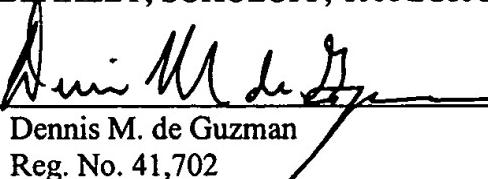
Applicant respectfully requests a one-month extension of time to file a Response to the Office Action mailed October 9, 2001. The extended period expires on January 9, 2002.

A check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for a one-month extension of time. If any additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666. A duplicate of this Petition is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: 1/04/02


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